



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**John Hoeven**  
Governor

PROCLAMATION  
**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**  
OCTOBER 3-9, 2010

**WHEREAS**, the state of North Dakota is committed to ensuring the safety and security of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, fire is a serious public safety concern, and homes are where people are at the greatest risk from fire; with cooking, heating equipment and cigarette smoking the leading causes of home fires; and

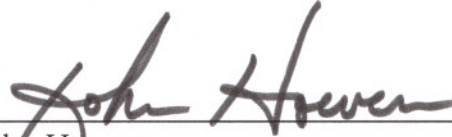
**WHEREAS**, nationwide roughly 3,000 people die as a result of home fires and burns, and nearly two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in which no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms were present; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education, including informing the public about the importance of smoke alarm installation and maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota citizens are encouraged to take personal steps to increase their safety from fires, especially in their homes, including having working smoke alarms on every level of their homes and outside all sleeping areas and in all bedrooms; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2010 Fire Prevention Week theme, *Smoke Alarms: A sound you can live with!* effectively serves to remind us all of the simple actions we can take to stay safer from fire during Fire Prevention Week and year-round.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 3-9, 2010, **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

  
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John Hoeven  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Secretary of State